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OUR VISION
A welcoming community of Many Minds and One Heart in Christ

OUR MISSION
With Christ as its inspiration & guided by Gospel values, the school strives to promote the education & development of the whole child. Our Mission is to provide a high quality education that will inspire an ongoing love of God and embrace our core values:

INTEGRITY  RESPECT  JUSTICE  COMPASSION  COURAGE

Newsletter No 34  Week 4 Term 4  5th November 2015

IMPORTANT DATES
Friday 6th November
Interschool Sports—Years 1 – 6
Weeks 5 & 6—Swimming Lessons
Thursday 12th November
Years 4, 5 & 6 Mass—9.30am
Thursday 19th November
Years 2 & 3 Liturgy—9.30am
Monday 23rd November
Kindy 2016 Orientation—9am
Tuesday 24th November
Board, P&F and AGM Meeting
Wednesday 25th November
Year 6 Orientation at BCC
Friday 27th November
Leonardo Day (Year 6)
Thursday 3rd December
Whole School Mass
Wednesday 9th December
Year 6 Graduation Mass

Jesus challenges us to seek true and lasting happiness. He points to the virtues of gentleness, humility, justice and peacemaking as the way to eternal joy. These are the qualities of the saints who have gone before us.

Lord God,
We rejoice with all the angels and give honour to the saints in heaven.

Amen

Dear Parents, Students and Members of the Community,

The assembly this morning was a bright and energetic way to start the day. I would like to thank and congratulate the Kindy children on such an entertaining Farmyard performance. It is wonderful to witness their confidence develop throughout the year. Thanks to Mrs Madaffari and Mrs Clark for preparing the students so well; and finally thankyou to the parents for providing such wonderful costumes.

During the assembly, it gave me great pleasure to announce that Mrs Joanne Leach was a very worthy recipient of a State and Territory National Excellence in Teaching Award. Jo is one of only seven teachers to receive this prestigious award in Western Australia; and one of 60 teachers nationally. We were fortunate enough to have Nola Marino MP at our assembly to present the award.

I would like to express my thanks to Nola for her presence at the assembly this morning and the very informative parent presentation on Cyber Safety last night. The presentation covered a range of topics and

Courage

What is Courage?
Courage is personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary. Courage is going ahead even when you feel like giving up. Courage is needed in trying new things. It is admitting mistakes and then doing the right thing. Courage is the strength in your heart.

How do you Practice Courage?
Courage helps you to do the right thing. When you feel afraid, name the fear and then let it go. Then do what you really want to do. Admit mistakes and learn from them. Keep trying. Stand up for what you know is right even if all your friends are doing something wrong. Ask for help when you need it. Let courage fill your heart.
the response from the parents present was very positive. Nola presented information regarding cyber safety to the students in Years 4 – 6 today.

**Catholic Schools Interschool Sports – Years 1 – 6**

After all the training over the last few weeks, the Interschool sports carnival is only one day away - tomorrow. It is difficult to give specific times of events due to the nature of the carnival, however below is a guide indicating approximate times for the start of events. Remember to have fun, try your best and encourage your team mates. Please remember to apply sunscreen, wear your team shirt and hat; and bring your water bottle. Given that the carnival is held at the Bunbury Athletics track, all competitors will be required to wear their joggers for their events.

- **8.30am**  Jumps and throws *(for competitors in these events)*
- **9.00am**  Bus departs from OLOL *(for students who required bus transport)*
- **9.30am**  Flags *(Individual and team events)*
- **10.30am**  Running races *(Starting with Year 1 and concluding with Year 6)*
- **12.30pm**  Lunch Break
- **1.00pm**  Team Games
- **2.15pm**  Bus return to OLOL

*Please remember the times are only a guide depending on how the carnival runs on the day.*

**Swimming Lessons**

Swimming lessons for students in Pre-Primary to Year 6 begin next Monday and continue for two weeks, concluding on Friday, 20\(^{th}\) November. The times of the lessons are listed below:

- **Years 1, 3 & 6**  11.00am to 11.40am
- **Years 2 & 4**  11.45am to 12.25pm
- **PP & Year 5**  1.00pm to 1.40pm

The teachers will supervise the eating of lunch and various changes to play times to cater for the lessons.

*Please ensure that your children wear their sports uniform to school on those days. They will need to have a towel, bathers and dry underwear to change into after swimming sessions. Students may wear thongs or sandals to and from the pool.*

**School Board and Parents & Friends Association AGM**

Everyone is invited to attend the Annual School Community Meeting on November 24\(^{th}\). Please return the green slip that was sent home with the newsletter last week, indicating your attendance at the meeting and nomination if applicable by Monday, 16\(^{th}\) November.

**Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS)**

PIRLS is an international assessment of reading comprehension. The assessment has been conducted every five years since 2001. Australia is one of 50 countries participating in the assessment and Our Lady of Lourdes was selected as a sample school this year. Yesterday the Year 4 students participated by responding to a reading achievement test and completed a questionnaire.
Booklists
Class booklists for 2016 have been sent home today. There are three options for ordering books for next year:

**Option 1**  Visit westschoolsupplies.com.au – and follow the instructions on the form
**Option 2**  Complete the Payment Information Box and return to school by 11th December; or
**Option 3**  Complete the Payment Information Box and return directly West School Supplies to the address provided on the Booklist

General Reminders
◊ When picking up children using the In-Car Pick-up service, please display names clearly. This assists in the smooth running of the service.
◊ By law, children from four years up to the age of seven years are to be restrained in either a forward facing child car restraint or booster seat restrained by a correctly adjusted and fastened seat belt or child safety harness.

God’s blessing to you all
Luke Godwin
Acting Principal

Merit Certificates
Congratulations to all students who received Merit Certificates at this mornings assembly.

Pre-Primary  Ned Bovell, Ashlee Rowe, Jordan Duane
Year One  Addison Barnes, Riley O’Rourke
Year Two  Sebastion Stowe, Elena Frontino
Year Three  Xavier Torrisi, William Chapman
Year Four  Darcy Potter, Marcus Pope
Year Five  Heidi Scott, Bella Cresswell
Year Six  Jaxon Damiani, Anai Gelmi, Zoe Bestwick

Canteen News
There is no Canteen tomorrow due to the Interschool Carnival
There is also no Canteen weeks 5 & 6 due to swimming lessons.

SCHOOL FEES
Remind that school fees are due NEXT WEEK on the 13th November. If you are having difficulty in paying your fees, please contact the office.

Altar Servers this Week

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Interschool Sports Carnival—Morning Tea
St Michael’s Catholic Primary School’s P&F will be selling cakes and slices tomorrow morning at the interschool carnival. There will also be a coffee van present.
YEAR 5 CAMP FUN!

State and Territory National Excellence in Teaching Award

Congratulations To Mrs Leach
Religious Education News

Our Mission is to provide a high quality education that will inspire an ongoing love of God which embraces the values of: Integrity, Respect, Compassion, Justice and Courage.

Next week the year 4/5/6 classes will celebrate mass, focusing on Advent as our units of work across the school move to this theme.

Please see the invitation to the End of year Thanksgiving Mass, our final mas to be celebrated together as a school community. We would love your attendance.

Miss. Natalie Dillon
APRE

Thursday 12th November – 9.30am, Year 4/5/6
Mass

Thursday 19th November – 9.30am, Year 2/3
Liturgy

Thursday 3rd December – 9am, Whole School
Thanksgiving Mass

Wednesday 9th December – 6pm, Graduation
Liturgy, St Patrick’s
Cathedral Bunbury,
Whole School

Thursday 10th December – 8.45am, Year 1
Nativity

You are invited to
End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

on

Thursday 3rd December

at

9.00am

This is a whole school mass (1-6) where we give thanks for the wonderful year we have had as a school community.

Please join us in this celebration.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8th
Mark 12:38-44

Jesus notices a poor widow’s offering and commends her great sacrifice.

Today’s Gospel leads us to think about our family’s financial contributions to our parish community, the diocese, other Church-sponsored organizations, and other charitable organizations. Good stewardship invites us to share our treasure as well as our time and talent. Sometimes, however, decisions about a family’s charitable giving are made without our children’s knowledge. Yet we teach more when we invite all family members to be aware of how we contribute to our Church and to other charitable organizations.

As you gather as a family, talk about your family’s financial contributions to your parish and to other Church activities. If your family supports other charitable organisations, you might talk about these as well. Talk together about why it is important for us to share our resources with these organisations. Read today’s Gospel, Mark 12:41-44. Talk about what Jesus observes about the generosity of the poor widow. Talk also about ways in which your family might also make a sacrificial gift to support your parish or other charitable organisation. (Perhaps your family might choose not to go out to dinner but to contribute the money to your parish). Invite all family members to participate in the decision about what action you will take and which or-

St Vincent de Paul Society

good works
KINDY  We are busy producing beautiful work for our Work Sample Books. We will bring them home again at the end of the year. Mrs Madaffari can’t believe how much progress we have made. If you have not returned your child’s Work Sample Book from Term 2, please send it in as soon as possible.

PRE PRIMARY  This week we have been reading a story called “Giraffes Can’t Dance”. We have learnt about the importance of always encouraging each other and that we are all good at different things. We have begun writing entries in our writing journal this week. Our teachers were absolutely amazed at our independent work!! We are reading books every day now and are retelling stories to our friends. We are so excited by what we can do on our own now! We are looking forward to swimming lessons for the next two weeks. Our teachers are certain we’ll be tired but happy by the end of week 6!

YEAR 1  Well we are ready for the inter school carnival with our superb throwing and catching skills! In science we are looking at Australian animals.

YEAR 2  In Religion we are discussing families and made our own crucifix as a sign of God’s family. This week we have been doing lots of maths tests. We have also been practicing our team games with the Year 1’s and are looking forward to the Sports Carnival tomorrow.

YEAR 3  We’ve been learning about solids, liquids and gases in Science. We had lots of fun making Oobleck. Did you know Oobleck can be a solid and a liquid at the same time? If you think that is a bit bizarre, ask us and we will explain the strange properties of Oobleck. During Health we made posters to encourage people to choose not to smoke. We included lots of facts about the benefits of stopping smoking. We have also been training hard for our Interschool Sports Carnival.

YEAR 4  This week, we have learnt all about simple, compound and complex sentences. What we thought was a simple sentence actually turns out to be not that simple at all - ask us about dependent, independent and main clauses - we are up with the lingo! We have also been preparing for the Interschool Carnival on Friday, let’s hope the weather holds out!

YEAR 5  We have returned from our camp at Forest Edge and all the students had a ball! On the first day we went on a bush walk and worked on our map reading skills. Despite a snake spotting we all arrived safely at our destination which was a mud pit! We took great delight in covering each other in mud before our walk back to the bus. The highlight of the second day was undoubtedly the flying fox. All students challenged themselves in the activities and represented our school well. A special thanks to our fantastic parent helpers who helped out with the activity groups and our wonderful ladies in the kitchen who amazed us with their meals. Thanks also to Mrs Dykstra who came along and helped with the camp.

YEAR 6  The Year 6 class has been busy this week. We had an interesting morning with Mrs Nola Marino today. She gave us a detailed talk on cyber safety and how to be safe online. It was both informative and interesting.

We are looking forward to the Interschool Sports tomorrow and swimming lessons next week!